GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Fisheries Department – Mis-utilization of funds in distribution of "In Board Motors (IBMs)" on subsidy under Chief Minister's Special Package – Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, Kakinada, now retired as Fisheries Development Officer - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Penalty Awarded – Appeal filed – Examined – Considered to reduce the penalty – Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy.&Vig.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 179 **Dated: 19-10-2020.**

Read the following:-

1. From the General Administration (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.67 (C.No.873/V&E/D2/2008), Dt. 22.09.2011.
2. G.O.Rt.No.219, AHDD&F (Dy.& Vig.) Dept., Dated: 24.09.2019.
3. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.9181/A.1/2011, Dt.31.10.2019.
4. From Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Retd. Fisheries Development Officer, Letter dated:14.09.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have reported that they have conducted a detailed enquiry on mis-utilization of funds by certain Officials of Fisheries Department, in distribution of "In Board Motors (IBMs)" on subsidy under Chief Minister's Special Package, in East Godavari District and recommended for disciplinary action against five (5) Officials of Fisheries Department, East Godavari District.

2. After following the due procedure under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, the disciplinary action was initiated against Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari District, among another (5) five officials of Fisheries Department and awarded a punishment of withholding "two Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" besides recovery of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand only) against the individual, vide G.O.2nd read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, while forwarding the appeal petition of the individual, the Commissioner of Fisheries, has informed that, there is no scope to impose stoppage of (2) two Annual Grade increments with cumulative effect, against Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, as he is not having sufficient service to implement the punishment awarded, since he is going to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation in the month of November, 2019. Therefore, he has requested the Government kindly to take appropriate action on the appeal of Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Fisheries Development Officer.

4. In the reference 4th read above, Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Retd. Fisheries Development Officer, has submitted that he has already remitted the amount of Rs.40,000/- imposed against him, and also retired from service on 30.11.2019 and requested the Government kindly to exempt from the penalty of withholding of "Two Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" considering his case, on humanitarian grounds.

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5. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to reduce the punishment to the minor penalty i.e., stoppage of (2) two Annual Grade increments without cumulative effect, since he was not having sufficient service, due to retirement from service and also remitted the amount of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand only) by him.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reduce the punishment from the major penalty to the minor penalty i.e., "stoppage of (2) two Annual Grade increments without cumulative effect" against Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari District, now retired Fisheries Development Officer. The amount equal to the increments stopped shall be recovered from the Retirement Gratuity of the employee, under the provision of Rule 9 of sub-rule 7(c) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, Kakinada,
East Godavari District, now retired Fisheries Development Officer,
through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, East Godavari District.
The AHDD&F (Fish) Dept., A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
P.S. to Min (AHDD&F)
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